

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 14, 2012

Board Item: V-B-1

**Revisions to Chapter 15 Operating Rules  
Drought Response**

Action by Consent

Action

Information

During the 2002-2004 drought, the Board created and refined on numerous occasions Chapter 15 of the Operating Rules, which contains the rules to be imposed following the declaration of a drought by the Board. Within the last few months, Denver Water has issued a revised Drought Response Plan reflecting updated information and lessons learned. Revising the Plan led to the need for minor updates to Chapter 15. The revisions reflect the use of indicators in addition to reservoir levels; acknowledge the possibility of a Stage 4 response and the availability of recycled water as a source of supply; and make other changes for consistency and clarity. The Drought Response Committee, which is composed of employees from Planning, Public Affairs, Customer Relations, O&M, Finance and Legal, has approved the changes which are indicated in highlighted language in the attached Chapter 15.

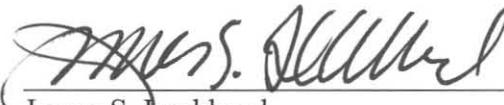
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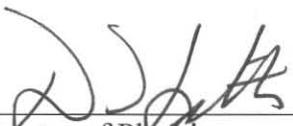
It is recommended that the Board adopted the revised Chapter 15 of the Operating Rules.

**Approvals:**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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